for the Sindol Power Project was rejected on 30th August, 1994 due to non-submission of Environmental Management Plan. Applications for environmental clearance for Hirakud B and Chiplima B power projects have not been received by this Ministry.

Eco Environment Club

347. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Eco Environment Clubs opened to some States for training on the environmental education, Statewise;

(b) the extent to which the targets set for such training have been achieved;

(c) the details the districts selected for "Paryavaran Vahinis" in the country; and

(d) the norms, if any, laid for the determination of cares excellence for promotion environment?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) The Statewise details of Eco-clubs set up during last three years are given in the annexure. *[See* Appendix 182, Annexure No. 6]

(b) No physical targets have been set up for achievements by the Eco-clubs. However, these Eco-clubs have been successful in educating school children about various environmental issues.

(c) So far, 195 districts have been selected for constitution of Paryavaran Vahinis in the country. Statewise distribution of Paryavaran Vahinis is given in the enclosed annexure. *[See* Appendix 182, Annexure No. 6]

(d) The Centres of Excellence are set up in renowned institutions for research, education and training activities in priority areas of environmental sciences.

Coastal Regulation Zone

348. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the concessions in the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification and CRZ Management Plans sought by some State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the time by which the decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The following decision have been taken:

(i) The Costal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification has been amended to permit of ground water for drinking purposes and to permit mining of sand in A & N Islands subject to certain restrictions;

(ii) Drawal of groundwater for drinking and domestic purposes within 200m of the High Tide Line has been permitted subject to certain restrictions;

(iii) Modernisation of existing fish processing units in the CRZ area has been permitted subject to certain safeguards;

(iv) Permission had been given for transfer of hazardous substances from ships to ports, terminals and refineries and vice-versa, in the port areas;

(v) Ministry of Surface Transport has been authorised to permit, on a case to case basis, storage of specified petroleum products within the existing port limits of existing ports and harbours in areas which are not classified as CRZ-I, subject to safety regulations;

(vi) Ministry of Surface Transport has been authorised to give environmental clearance for expansion/mod-